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SUBJECT: GAO REQUEST FOR FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE

REF: A) STATE 180062 AND B) BERN A-275 JUNE 25, 1973

1. CHARGE AND EMBOFF CALLED ON AMB. HEGNER, CHIEF DIVISION ONE (EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA) FEDERAL POLITICAL DEPARTMENT (FONMIN), AND HIS DEPUTY CARATSCH JULY 23 TO REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR GAO INVESTIGATORS TO ENTER SWITZERLAND TO EXAMINE RECORDS OF LOCKHEED AIRCRAFT INTERNATIONAL A.G. OF GENEVA.

2. HEGNER REPLIED THAT FPD COULD NOT AUTHORIZE GAO INVESTIGATION IN SWITZERLAND BECAUSE SUCH ACTION CLEARLY CONTRAVENED PROVISIONS OF SWISS PENAL CODE (ARTICLE 273) REGARDING ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE (REF B). HEGNER ADDED THAT ALTHOUGH FEDERAL COUNCIL MUST DECIDE ALL CASES OF BASIC IMPORTANCE, THERE IS CLEAR PRECEDENT FROM FEDERAL COUNCIL DECISIONS SHOWING POLICY OF WITHHOLDING AUTHORIZATION FOR INVESTIGATIONS BY FOREIGN GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES IN SWITZERLAND.

3. WE DID NOT REQUEST HEGNER BRING MATTER BEFORE FEDERAL COUNCIL.
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